House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting 2017 Regular Session April 26, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Kirk Talbot, chairman

Representative Mark Abraham

Representative John F. "Andy" Anders

Representative Chad Brown

Representative Robby Carter

Representative Gregory Cromer

Representative Cedric B. Glover

Representative Paula P. Davis

Representative Paul Hollis

Representative Mike Huval

Representative Edmond Jordan

Representative Vincent J. Pierre

Representative Alan Seabaugh

Representative Major Thibaut, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Marcase, attorney Shana Veade, attorney Christie L. Russell, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Clementine Johnson, sergeant at arms Hunter Sikaffy, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 6 by Representative Hollis

Representative Hollis presented House Bill No. 6, which exempts Louisiana residents from the assessment of penalties for noncompliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Representative Hollis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 6 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 6 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Davis, Hollis, Huval, and Thibaut voted yea. Representatives Robby Carter, Glover, Jordan, and Pierre voted nay.

House Bill No. 392 by Representative Connick

Representative Connick presented House Bill No. 392, which prohibits insurers from combining a higher classified public fire protection area with a lower classified public fire protection area for the purpose of determining insurance rates for both districts.

Representative Talbot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 392 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 392 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 89 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 89, which allows employees of insurance companies that are not licensed claims adjusters to adjust certain losses that do not exceed five hundred dollars.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 89 which propose to clarify that the claim is for a loss with a specified coverage limit of \$500 or less under a property and casualty insurance policy. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Davis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 89 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 89 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 165 by Representative Anders

Representative Anders presented House Bill No. 165, which provides for identification of dental benefit plan coverage.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 165 which would change proposed law from the requirement that the insurance card of a fully insured policy read "Fully Insured" to the requirement that it read "Non-ERISA", and also add an effective date of January 1, 2018. Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Anders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 165 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 165 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 188 by Representative Cromer

Representative Cromer presented House Bill No. 188, which provides for review of fees charged for external review.

Representative Cromer offered a motion to report House Bill No. 188 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 188 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 217 by Representative Jordan

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 217, which provides relative to the regulation of unfair competition and unfair trade practices by vehicle mechanical breakdown insurers.

Representative Talbot offered amendments to House Bill No. 217 which would make applicable to vehicle mechanical breakdown insurers additional specific provisions of Title 22 governing unfair competition and unfair trade practices, including R.S. 22:1961-1963, 1964(1)-(7), (12)-(14), (16)-(18), and (25). Representative Talbot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 217 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 217 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 years and 0 nays.

Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Thibaut in the chair.

House Bill No. 273 by Representative Huval

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 273, which provides for the approval by the commissioner of insurance of trade names for insurance producers.

Representative Huval offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 273. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 273 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 408 by Representative Huval

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 408, which provides for the change of insurance producer of record.

Representative Huval offered amendments to House Bill No. 408 that propose to 1) Change the time period for an insurer to notify a producer of record of a change or removal of producer of record from 15 days to 10 calendar days; 2) Clarify that property, casualty, and bond commissions shall be paid to the producer of record at policy inception for the full term of the policy; 3) Make technical changes. Representative Huval offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

Representative Huval offered a motion to report House Bill No. 408 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 408 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

House Bill No. 265 by Representative Chad Brown

Representative Chad Brown presented House Bill No. 265, which provides for notice to producers of removal as producer of record.

Representative Chad Brown offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 265. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 265 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 years and

0 nays. Representatives Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

Chairman Talbot in the chair.

House Bill No. 542 by Representative Stokes

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 542, which provides for travel insurance.

Representative Anders offered a motion to report House Bill No. 542 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 542 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Talbot, Abraham, Anders, Chad Brown, Robby Carter, Cromer, Glover, Davis, Hollis, Huval, Jordan, Pierre, Seabaugh, and Thibaut voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kirk Talbot House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: